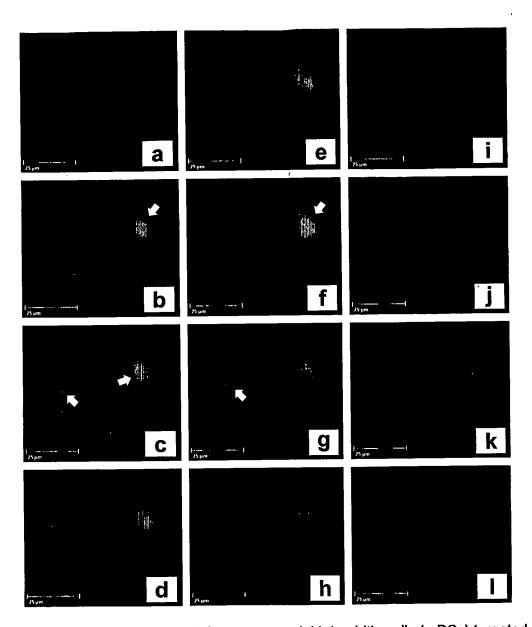


FIG. 1

Basic morphological appearance of human myeloid dendritic cells (mDCs) during differentiation in vitro.

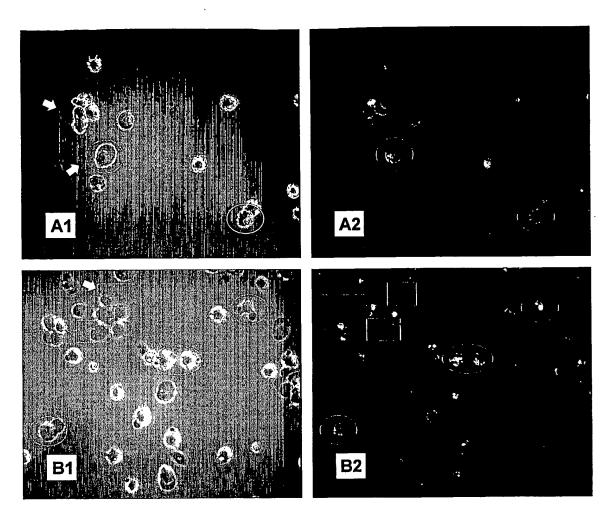
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Serial Optical sections through immature myeloid dendritic cells (mDCs) targeted with *fucose-labeled* liposomes delivering the tracer dye calcein.

FIG. 2



Binding and uptake of *mannose-labeled* liposomes by immature mDCs after 5 days of culture.

FIG. 3

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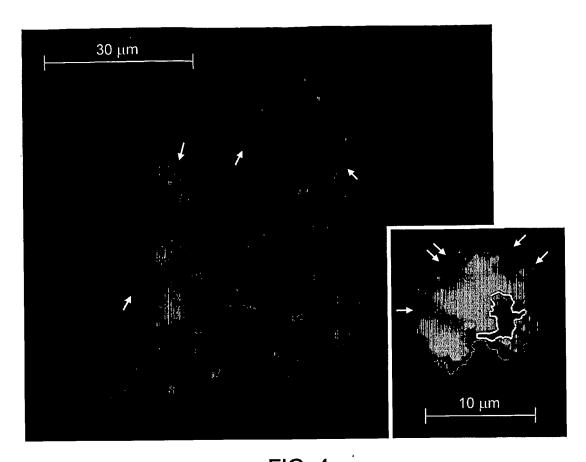
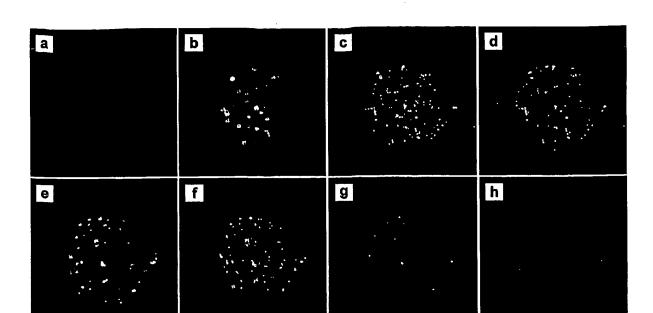
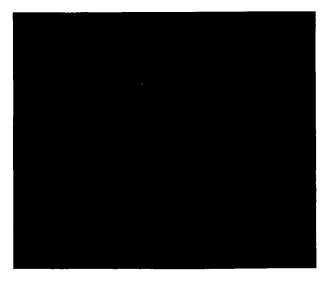


FIG. 4
C-type lectin-specific targeting of clustered mature mDCs.



Binding and uptake of *fucose-labeled* liposomes by human macrophages after 7 days of culture.

FIG. 5

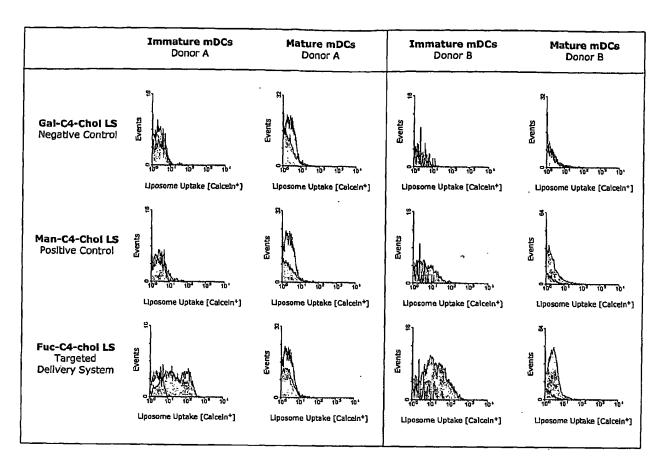


Color fluorescence photomicrograph of a representative macrophage from a different donor 2 hours after targeting with *fucose-labeled* liposomes.

FIG. 6

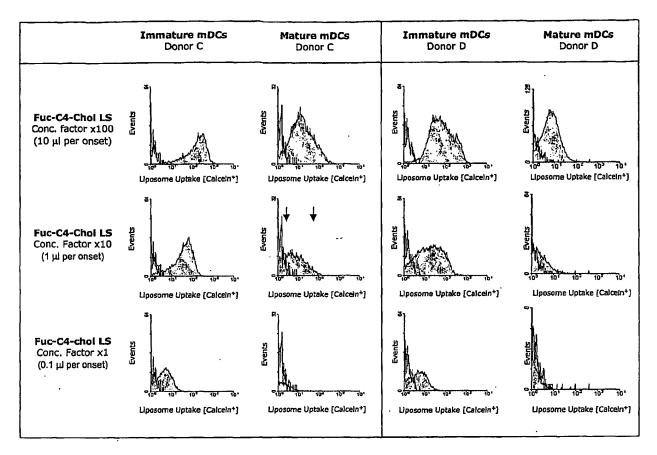


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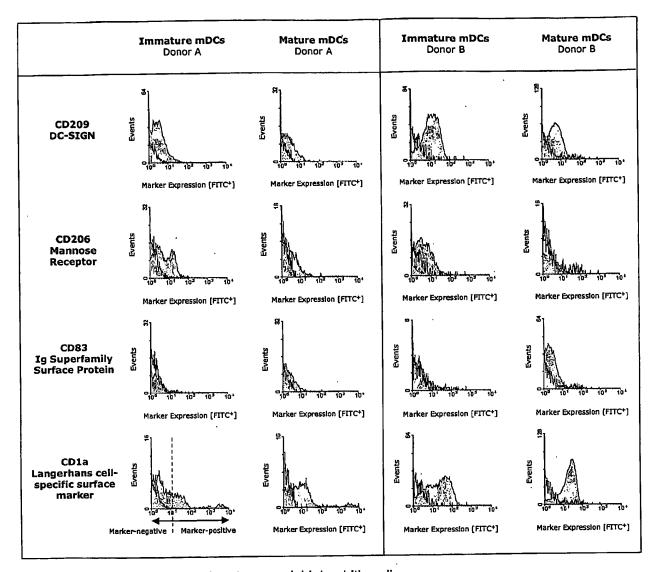
The fucose-targeted compound delivery system is highly specific and has an extremely high targeting efficacy.

FIG. 8



Increased concentrations of fucose-labeled liposomes targets both immature and mature mDCs highly efficiently.

FIG. 9



Phenotyping of immature and mature myeloid dendritic cells.

FIG. 10

FIG. 11

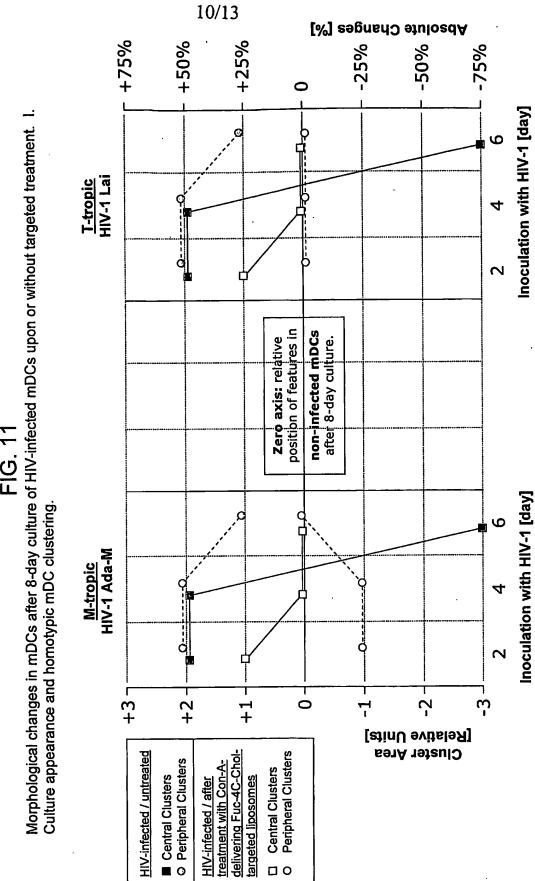
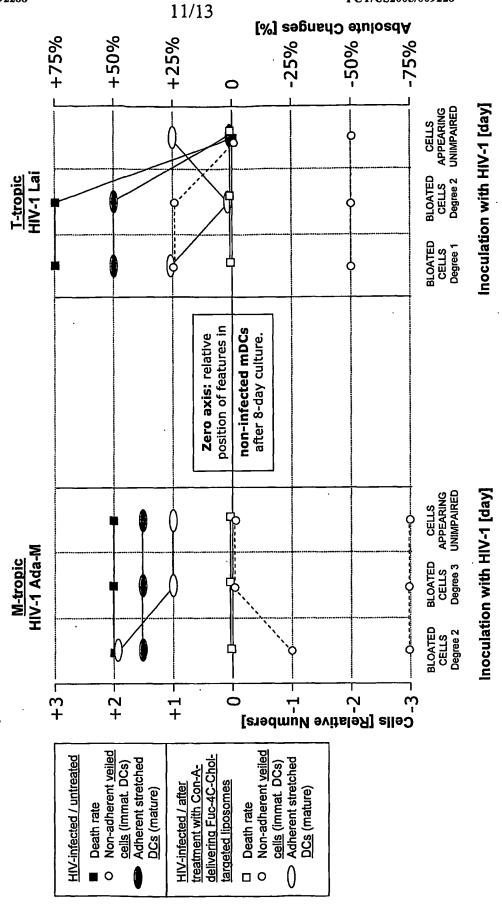


FIG. 12

Morphological changes in mDCs after 8-day culture of HIV-infected mDCs upon or without targeted treatment. II. Types of mDCs and viability.

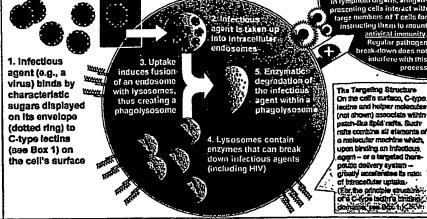


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Fig. 13. (I) Normal Pathogen Elimination, (II) Evasion by HIV; and (III) The Inventive Carbohydrate-Lectin Targeting and Treatment System.

i. Normal Destruction of an Infectious Agent

In the human immune system; the first cells recognizing infections agents are antigen-presenting cells (dendritic cells, macrophages, and others). Normally, these cells digest and dismantle infectious agents presenting their fragments to T cells for induction of specific immunity. The large circle represents such a cell, as well as key processes involved in the recognition and destruction of infectious agents. The cell section on the upper right depicts a T cell instructed for action.



II. Evasion of Destruction by HIV and Formation of a Chronic HIV Reservoir

HIV reservoir populations can retain highly infectious virus for prolonged, lyet different periods of time, i.e.,

- Days to months (dendritic cells);
- Months (follicular dendritic cells);
- Months to years (macrophages);

Years (T-memory cells)
 Dendritic cells, with their high turnover rate, their many physiologic subsets, and their extremely tight and frequent physical interaction with T cells, strike as the most virulent HIV reservoir when compared to the other reservoir cells.

5. Enzymatic break-down of 1. HIV binds 3. HIV inhibits C-type lectins uptake-induced thus establishing a highly infectious intraendosomal on an immune phagolyaosome cell via its own characteristic HIV reservoir gp120 envelope sugars (dotted ring) 4. Lysosomai enzymes cannot access HIV which, thus, remains unimpaired

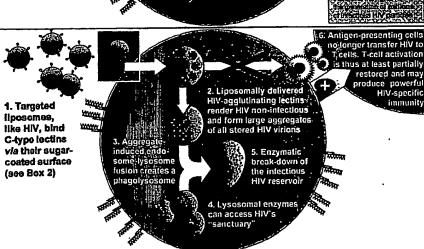
III. Elimination of the HIV Reservoir: a Two-Step Process Mediated by Carbohydrate-Lectin Interaction

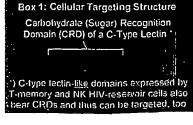
1st Level:

Specific liposomal targeted delivery to the reservoir cell's <u>surface lectins</u>, with subsequent endosomal uptake of the liposomes;

2nd Level:

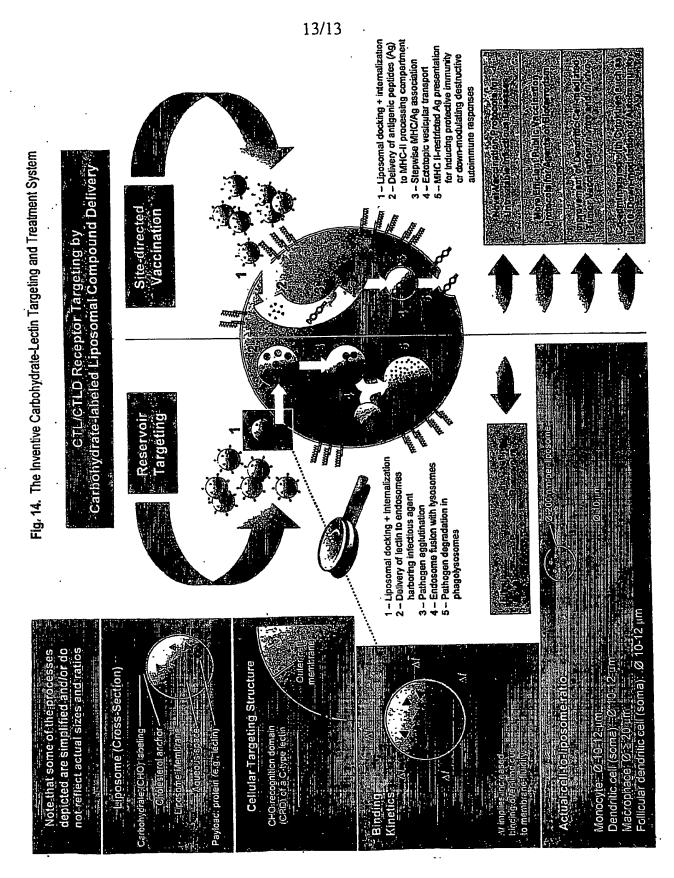
Delivery of liposomally encased <u>HIV-agglutinating lectins</u> into the endosomes leads to the breakdown of the infectious endosomal HIV reservoir







Note that some of the processes depicted are simplified and/or do not reflect actual sizes and ratios



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